

# MUSTANG DAILY

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## Massive undersea quake shakes Northern Japan

By Peter Landers  
Associated Press

TOKYO — A major undersea earthquake killed at least 16 people in Russia's remote Kuril Islands late Tuesday, jolted Japan and triggered tidal waves on both sides of the Pacific.

A quake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.9 hit near the sparsely populated Kuril Island chain north of Japan. About 200

people in northern Japan were injured by broken glass and falling objects.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii issued a tidal wave warning for all Pacific islands and coastal areas, including the west coast of the United States and Canada.

In Moscow, Russia's Ministry for Emergency Situations said the bodies of at least 16 people were found on three islands in

the chain.

Ministry spokesman Anatoly Streltsov did not say whether the victims were killed by huge tidal waves reported in the region.

One hit the small island of Zelyony, home to a border guards unit and fishermen's settlement. Officials did not immediately know what happened to the residents, Streltsov said.

Aftershocks were continuing. In some parts of the Kurils, 18-

inch cracks were visible in the earth after the quake, he said.

By early Wednesday, about 40 small tsunami waves had been observed in Japan. Most were less than 3 feet high, although one was 6 feet. There were no reports of any damage.

Hawaii closed its public schools and beaches, and ordered residents of coastal areas to evacuate.

Most of the damage and in-

juries from the quake in Japan occurred on the northernmost main island of Hokkaido, but

buildings shook as far as 650 miles away in Tokyo.

The quake — which lasted more than a minute — was centered 13 miles beneath the Pacific Ocean floor, near the southern end of the Kuril chain.

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## Judge orders gas chamber abolished; rules it causes inhumane degree of pain

By Bob Egelko  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California's gas chamber was ordered shut down Tuesday by a federal judge, who said execution by lethal gas "is inhumane and has no place in civilized society."

If upheld, the ruling by U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel would require the state to execute prisoners by lethal injection, a method that was added as an option by state law last year.

It is the first time a federal judge has ruled that any method of execution violates the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Patel heard from a battery of scientific experts and execution witnesses in a two-week trial of an American Civil Liberties Union suit last fall. She found that prisoners in the San Quentin gas chamber are likely to suffer intense pain, despite the state's claim that cyanide causes virtually instant unconsciousness.

From the time the fumes strike their face, prisoners are likely to be conscious for anywhere from 15 seconds to a minute, with a "substantial risk" of consciousness for up to several minutes, Patel said.

During that period, she said, "the condemned inmate is likely to suffer intense physical pain." The primary cause is cellular suffocation, experienced as an intense "air hunger" similar to strangulation or drowning, the judge said.

"Symptoms of air hunger include intense chest pains, such as felt during a heart attack, acute anxiety, and struggling to breathe," Patel said. She said there may also be other types of pain, including "the exquisitely painful muscle spasms" of a condition called tetany.

She also noted that 10 states, including California, used gas as the sole method of execution in 1970, and none does today. No

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## Blackout plagues students in Stenner, Woodside complexes

By Erin Massey  
Special to the Daily

Residents at two student apartment complexes were without power for almost two days as PG&E struggled to restore electrical service lost during Monday night's storm.

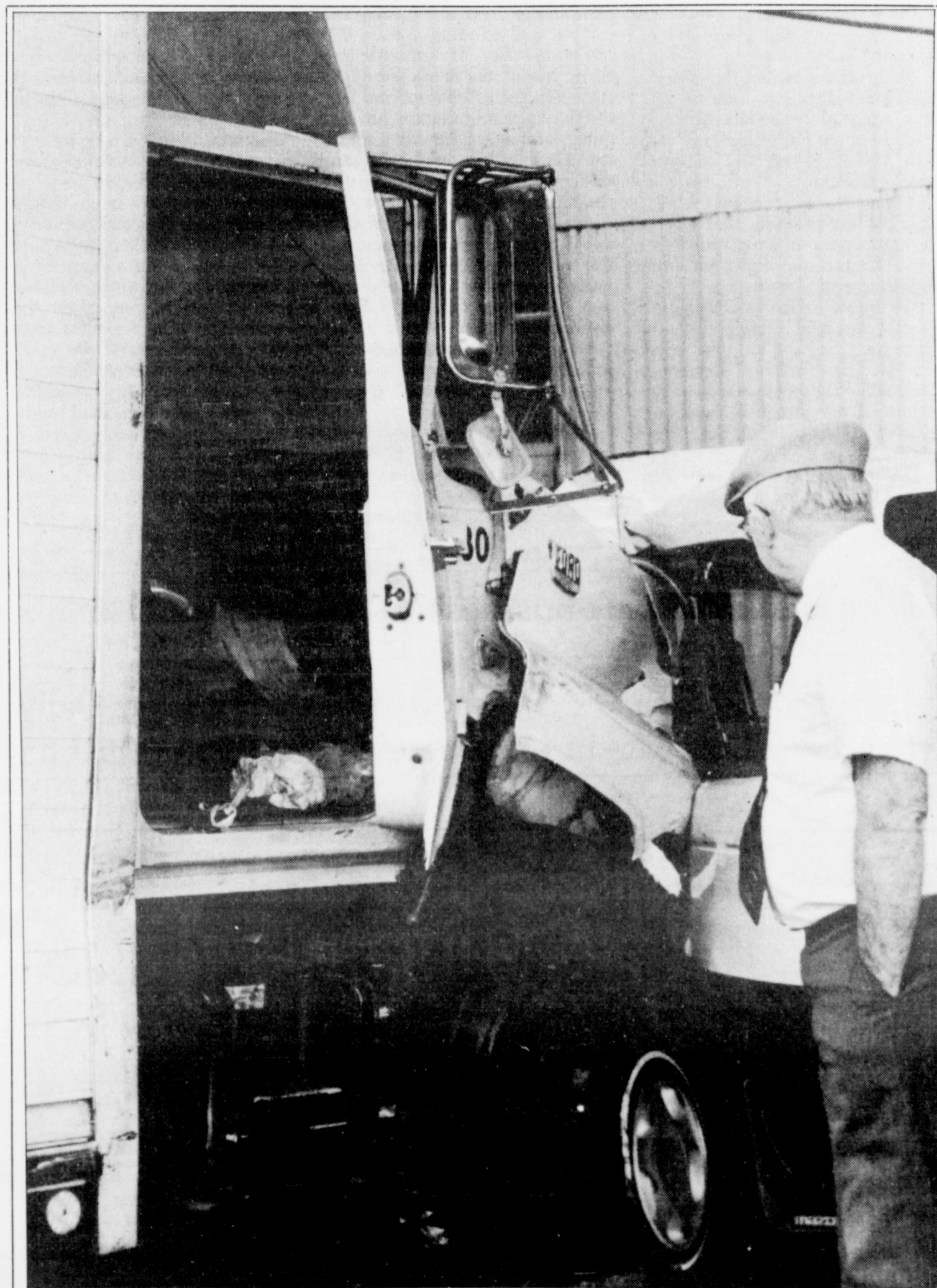
PG&E spokesman Ron Routkowski said a 12,000-volt power line came down at 7:50 p.m. Monday, knocking out power to 91 customers in the area of Foothill Boulevard and Santa Rosa Street.

"The trees were knocked into the power lines by the wind, which brought down the lines," he said.

Human development senior Brian Uballez, one of the resident managers at Woodside, said the lack of power on Monday was caused by trees dividing Woodside and Stenner Glen that were striking power lines and causing sparks.

"The trees were not maintained properly," Uballez said.

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A bystander takes stock of yesterday's collision between a delivery van and a parked car. A San Luis Obispo city bus was also involved / Daily photo by Kellie Korhonen

## Runaway truck hits bus, stadium

By Ajay Bhambani  
Daily Staff Writer

A driver heading down Perimeter Road on Tuesday bailed out of his truck before it sideswiped a city bus and careened into a parked car in front of Mustang Stadium, but no one was seriously hurt.

Public Safety officials said the truck's brakes failed just before the accident, which also involved a parked car and a San Luis Obispo Transit bus

with 14 passengers onboard, most of whom were Cal Poly students on their way home from classes.

According to Public Safety Officer Bruce Miller, the accident occurred around 1 p.m. when the truck sideswiped the bus, which was turning left at the stop sign at Perimeter Road and College Avenue. After passing the bus, the truck hit the parked car on College Avenue and pushed it approximately 20 feet —

sandwiching it against the wall of Mustang Stadium.

Recreation administration senior Carlton Brown owns the parked 1989 Mazda MPV which was hit by the truck.

"I'm really glad that no one was injured, and I'm really glad that I wasn't in the vehicle or I'd be dead," Brown said.

Computer science sophomore Carl Limpus, a passenger on the bus, described what he saw.

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Agenda Items: c/o Cindy Webb, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Fax: 756-6784

## Eye for an eye in credit card case

Associated Press

**VISTA** — A judge's sentence allowing a crime victim to take anything she wants from the thief's house amounts to vigilante justice and legal burglary, critics say.

The judge won't comment on the case because it is still pending. But in a transcript of the hearing, he calls his action "an innovative effort" to teach the defendant a lesson and let her "see what it's like to be taken advantage of and have somebody rip you off."

Vista Municipal Judge David

Ryan issued the order Sept. 15, allowing crime victim Sarah Lang to take whatever she wanted from the home of welfare mother Tyra Ann Veltri, who had fraudulently used Lang's stolen credit cards.

The county Public Defender's Office is asking that Ryan's order be overturned. The challenge is expected to be heard in Superior Court this month.

"I respect Judge Ryan; he's a thoughtful jurist," said Domenic Lombardo, the deputy public defender who represented Veltri.

"But sometimes his sense of justice is a tad too biblical. The Penal Code has no provision for an eye for an eye."

Veltri was in an Escondido supermarket May 9 when one of her three companions stole the purse of Lang, a store employee. Veltri later used some of Lang's credit cards to buy a \$300 vacuum cleaner, shoes for her daughter and jewelry.

Using car keys found in the purse, another of the group stole Lang's 1993 Ford Mustang from the supermarket parking lot.

## CRASH: Delivery truck's lost brakes blamed for wild ride through campus

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"I was just sitting there and I heard 'Boom! Boom!'" Limpus said. "I was watching (the truck) crunch the van, so then I just got up to see if there was anyone in the van, but the bus driver wouldn't open the door."

Journalism senior Rodney De La Cruz, who also was on the bus, said he was talking to a friend when he looked up and saw the truck on the opposite side of the bus.

"I saw the truck come in and I said, 'What the hell, this guy is trying to pass or something,' and then it smashed right into the side of the van," he said.

Business seniors Workineh Wemesgem and Greg Kelly said they were waiting for the bus at the stop in front of Jespersen Hall when they witnessed the accident. Both students had just passed by the crash site moments before.

"A minute before and I could have been in front of that truck," Wemesgem said. "It was a pretty

tremendous impact."

One of the passengers on the bus was City Council candidate Pat Veasart, a vocal proponent of alternative transportation. He praised the job of the bus driver.

"He did a really good job," Veasart said. "He started his turn, and as the truck was coming down the hill he realized that the truck was going to hit him and he corrected his turn. But if the truck had hit his broad side, someone would have really gotten hurt."

Business senior Ron Grospe saw the truck driver jump out of the vehicle on Perimeter Road halfway between Cuesta Avenue and the stop sign on College Avenue.

"The truck driver jumped out just before it smashed into the other side of the bus," Grospe said.

Miller said the driver, who sustained scrapes on his right knee, was the only one to suffer any type of injury.

"According to statements we

got, the truck lost its brakes when (the driver) tried to stop at Grand (and Perimeter)," Miller said. "He applied the brakes at the stop sign and it wouldn't stop. The brakes went right through the floor."

He said the driver tried downshifting and using the emergency brake, but was unsuccessful.

However, the driver was able to steer the truck down Perimeter Road, passing the University Union and Graphic Arts building, avoiding any type of collision.

"I think he did a beautiful job of keeping from killing anybody because that happened right when there's all kinds of people all over the street," Miller said.

Brown, who didn't realize his car was involved in the accident until he saw it smashed against the stadium, said he was relieved to hear that no one was injured.

"I'm glad the (truck driver) was smart enough to jump out," Brown said.

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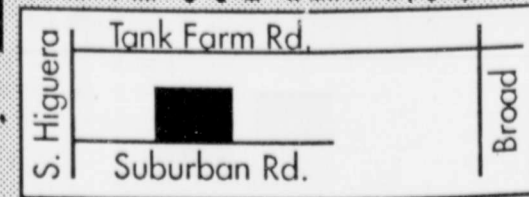
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# TSUNAMI: 7.9 magnitude quake jolts Pacific Coasts; threats of huge tidal wave cause evacuation in Japanese islands

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Japan's Central Meteorological Agency estimated the quake's preliminary magnitude at 7.9, making it the strongest to hit the region in 26 years.

On Japan's lightly populated

Hokkaido island, the late-night quake cracked roads, caused gas leaks and flooded streets. One fire was reported in the town of Nemuro, and more than 13,460 households in eastern Hokkaido lost electric power, said Kazuhiro

Kojima of Hokkaido Electric Co. Television stations broadcast warnings for people in low-lying areas to flee, showing maps of Japan with endangered areas flashing in red.

"I feared that my house might

collapse. The house was shaken strongly," said Teruo Koike, a fireman in Kushiro.

Kiyo Takahashi, 45, of Kushiro, was drinking coffee with friends. "Some of them cried

for help ... because they couldn't stand the strong shaking," she said.

More than 1,000 evacuees spent the night in public buildings in Kushiro and Nemuro alone, according to local officials.

## GAS CHAMBER: Execution 'cruel and unusual'

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state has adopted gas as a new method of execution since 1970, while 25 states, including California, have adopted lethal injection, Patel said.

That trend, along with the evidence of pain, shows that gas chamber executions violate "evolving standards of human decency," Patel said.

"Our society no longer considers lethal gas an acceptable means by which to execute a person," the judge wrote. "There is a societal consensus that this method of execution is inhumane and has no place in civilized society."

Earlier this year, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which handles federal appeals from California and eight other Western states, rejected a similar challenge to execution by hanging in Washington state. The 6-5 ruling found that the use of modern safeguards minimized the risk of prolonged pain during

a hanging.

Patel said the evidence of conscious pain in a gas chamber execution was greater than the evidence presented on behalf of the Washington prisoner, who was later hanged.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the death penalty itself does not violate the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment. To prohibit a particular method of execution, a judge must find that it causes extreme and unnecessary suffering.

Robert Alton Harris, convicted of murdering two teenagers in San Diego, died in the gas chamber in April 1992, the state's first execution in 25 years. Convicted serial killer David Mason waived his federal appeals and was executed in the gas chamber in August 1993.

No execution date is scheduled for any of the approximately 390 condemned prisoners in the state.

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### STARTING FRESH

Kimberley Kaney

#### Local girl makes guide

So what have you found to do in SLO town? San Luis Obispo is a beautiful place, with *usually* mild weather (disregarding the freak tropical storm and lightning show, which happens about once every 20 years).

I myself have lived here ever since I was born. And it amazes me when people can't find new things to do here.

Have you gone to the movies in the Fremont Theatre or at the Sunset Drive-in? Ignited a bonfire on the beach or danced the night away at The Graduate or Tortilla Flats?

Walked through Farmers' Market and hung out at Woodstock's Pizza? Browsed through the new Downtown Centre with Express and the Gap? Don't forget that structure opens on Thursday.

Don't miss the coffee at Rudolph's, Linnaea's, Monterey Street Espresso and the soon-to-open Starbucks Coffee.

For the intellectual types, there are readings and musical interludes by the fireplace at Earthling Bookshop.

For the more adventurous person, head out to Montaña de Oro to go hiking and look at the tidepools. Ride dune buggies and ATVs at the Pismo Dunes.

Find some fun in the sun at Pismo, Avila, Morro Bay or Cayucos beaches. Or go to the waterslides at Lopez Lake. To relax, go fishing off the Pismo Pier.

Lounge around at Avila Hot Springs or Sycamore Mineral Springs — but make sure to shower afterwards.

Go skating or play a game of roller hockey at Flip-po's in Morro Bay. Or run down to the shore for some kayaking, and don't miss the aquarium there. But for animal lovers, the best place is the Charles Paddock Zoo in Atascadero.

What many people haven't found yet is Big Falls. If you like four-wheeling, then this is for you. On your way to Lopez Lake, turn off to the Upper Lopez Campgrounds and you will encounter an area hidden from most.

Plants and animals run wild and so do the waterfalls. If you are daring, you can even jump from the falls into the water below.

But maybe you just want to settle in for a movie night in the dorms and rent videos.

Meeting new friends is the best part of the dorm experience. Learning new words from the different parts of the state and the country is even more fun. Everyday words like "random," "tripper," "agro," "sketcher" and "hella" are necessary additions for any freshman's vocabulary.

Make new tapes from all your friend's tapes and compact discs. Go to meetings to get involved with your school — everything from the Ski Club to working on the Rose Parade float.

Don't miss out on the 90210 and Melrose Place watching parties. Booing and aahing makes for great conversation.

Send e-mail to friends far away.

Close by, you can always go to the Rec Center to meet your social and physical needs. For excitement, cheer on the Mustang football, soccer and volleyball teams.

A fraternity party is an adventure in its own right. When entering that other world you can become somebody else for a little while.

And if you think you've done it all, you could always attempt to do your homework.

## COMMENTARY



## Wading through the 'beginning-life crisis'

By Brooke Richardson

I thought people hit mid-life crisis time at 40, but I've seen some very troubling symptoms of the disease in my friends lately.

Couples are splitting, people are going through wild "I-just-got-a-divorce"-like phases and there's a lot of talk about sports cars — or four-wheel-drive vehicles, depending on taste.

No, I don't hang with an older crowd. I'm part of the senior class, which has hit the "I'm-near-graduation-what-the-hell-am-I-going-to-do-with-my-life" phase.

The time of the beginning-life crisis.

I guess this whole theory just hit me the other night. I mean, it seems like half the people I know are about to have a nervous breakdown for one reason or another, but I didn't truly realize the order of the madness until I called my parents and told them about everything going down in my lately quite hectic life.

My dad, who tends to get a bit sentimental on occasion, started talking to me in language I thought would have been reserved for the day I (finally) graduated from this great, money-eating university.

I couldn't tell you exactly what he said, but I know the meaning I sensed from it was something like "We're proud of you and know you're making the right decisions because you're a GROWN-UP now."

Holy . . . cow.

When I first got to Cal Poly, I never wanted to leave. Who would? I mean, heck, my parents were supporting me, I had complete freedom for the most part and I was having a great time.

This idea of becoming a lifetime student took even more substantial form when I spent the summer after my sophomore year in a "real-life" nine-to-five job with a 45-minute commute both ways. I stayed in San Luis the next summer.

But now, in my fourth year of college, I'm starting to see the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel. Sick as it may be, there's part of me that actually wants to graduate, as do many of my friends.

We're turning into just what my dad said — GROWN-UPS — or, at least, kinda-wanta-be ones.

And that's why we're in a beginning-life crisis.

Whether we're actually graduating in June or part-way into our fifth year (much to the chagrin of parents' bank accounts), our world is changing and it's affecting us.

Older friends have already graduated, infecting us with the excitement of new lives. Half of us are looking at doing the same thing in June, faced with the job-search from hell. The rest of us plan to bide our time for a couple of extra quarters, hoping to find some direction and missing the people we lived with in the dorms, shared an apartment with later and who brought us downtown on our 21st birthdays.

The beginning-life crisis. Wanting to hold on while you're preparing yourself to leave. Wanting to find the niche we've spent years studying for, but not knowing quite what it is. Wanting to make new friends or acquaintances — create new experiences — but not wanting to leave Cal Poly and the memories we've made here.

Most of us have grown up as much as we can at Cal Poly. And whether we want to admit it or not, we're almost as ready as we'll ever be for that next level of life.

The results of this are the mid-life crisis symptoms that so many seniors seem to be demonstrating. Relationships are changing as we try to determine which ones are truly important so we can carry them with us to our new worlds. We can be wild as we try and squeeze as much fun out of Cal Poly as possible. And we talk about cars as we look forward to our new, hopefully richer (money-wise) lives.

So, all you young-uns out there, prepare yourselves. The symptoms are bound to get worse as June approaches. Pay careful attention — because you'll go through it one day, too, believe it or not.

And if you see people out there who don't seem to be acting their age, never question anything they do or say. After all, they are GROWN-UPS.

Just give them a hug, call them crazy kids and tell them they can stay with you any time they want to come back home to Cal Poly.

• Brooke Richardson is a journalism senior (and GROWN-UP.)

## LETTERS

### Wanted: Daily opinion editor

Re: "Life in Amerikkka," Oct. 3

In the Oct. 3 issue of the Mustang Daily, you said you were desperate to get some letters to the editor. Well, I'll be more than happy to oblige. But from what I read in this issue, it doesn't seem likely that there is an editor to whom to write.

The column entitled "Life in Amerikkka" by Ardarius McDonald contained some amazing breaches of journalistic ethics. As a former student newspaper editor, I felt the inclusion of expletives was in extremely poor taste. And, although it was definitely creative, so was the description of what the author was doing while reading the quote in question. If this had come before me for approval as editor of my school's newspaper, it would have been sent back for revision.

Yes, you had every right under the Constitution to print the article as it appeared. But you also had a responsibility to those who may be offended by such language to at least blank it out. A free press is one of the

most vital guarantees we have under the Constitution. Use of language such as was presented in the column did not serve to get a point across. It merely served to put off people who would ordinarily have agreed with the point presented. Irresponsible journalism such as this threatens the freedom we all enjoy.

In order to preserve our free press, we must exercise responsibility in every work we publish. I assume the staff of the Mustang Daily wants to produce a professional publication. However, I know of no professional publications which would have allowed such language to be printed. It takes away from your credibility as a news source.

If this kind of thing becomes a regular feature of the Mustang Daily, you will truly have made it to, in the words of Meghan Predmore, "National Enquirer journalism."

Kenneth Long Jr.  
Political science freshman



# Huffington accused of engaging in racially biased property deals

By Michael White  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Huffington bought and sold two Texas homes that came with restrictions forbidding their sale to blacks or other minorities, former Mayor Tom Bradley alleged Tuesday. Huffington denounced the accusations as desperation politics.

Huffington, and a prominent black civil rights activist who

came to his defense, said such residential covenants were unenforceable and irrelevant long before he purchased the properties.

Locked in a neck-and-neck U.S. Senate race with Democratic incumbent Dianne Feinstein, Huffington accused the Democratic Bradley of raising the issue in a bid to exploit racial sentiments in the campaign.

# OUTAGE: Evening storm wreaks havoc at Woodside, Stenner complexes

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"PG&E has a division that is suppose to take care of that."

Routkowski said PG&E "diligently follows" the tree-cutting schedule, but he had no information regarding the latest tree trimming in that area.

Uballes said firefighters had to turn off the power because sparks from the power lines posed a fire hazard.

Residents first lost power around 4 p.m. Monday. The initial blackout was due to a faulty transformer located at the back of Woodside's parking lot, Uballes said. He added that the transformer was not Woodside's responsibility and that it affected 4,000 residents. It was restored

at 7:30 p.m., only to fail again around 8:30 p.m. Uballes believed the transformer was the responsibility of PG&E.

**"It bites . . . I can't work on my computer, I can't cook dinner, I can't do anything."**

**Andrea Holstein**  
Business sophomore

"It bites," said business sophomore Andrea Holstein, who lives in Woodside. "I can't work on my computer, I can't cook dinner, I can't do anything."

The blackout continued until around 2:30 a.m. despite firefighters' efforts to fix the problem. While fire engines and PG&E trucks cluttered Woodside's parking lot, students cluttered the sidewalks with candles and flashlights, chatting and monitoring the workers' progress.

"It's been hell," said architecture senior Carlos Orozco. "I couldn't do my homework, I showered in the dark, and I was late for class this morning."

Woodside residents awoke with power Tuesday only to return from school to darkness. After they spent the afternoon powerless, service was restored shortly after 5 p.m.

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## SILLIMAN: Former Wonder Woman admirer coached a group of Cambodian military leaders on volleyball this summer

From page 8

"As it turned out, it was perfect," she said. "I learned a lot about my faith, and I grew a lot stronger."

But Cambodia was far from perfect, she said, and far from what she could have expected. Her first impression was not favorable.

"It was gross, disgusting, dirty, with all these kids running around," she said.

She found it hard to overlook the blatant evidence of torture practices and civil strife that were all around her. Silliman said the things she saw made her wonder about living a way of life that could desensitize people to

such horrifying practices.

"They look at torturing people like it was taking out the trash," Silliman said. "I heard gunfire every night."

Even the facilities used for the clinic were questionable, she said.

"The coliseum was pretty gross. There were bats flying around the gym and holes in the floor," Silliman said. "People would wander in and out selling mystery food."

Silliman joked about the food, but admitted she was afraid to ask what she was eating. She told one story, cringing, about the soup with the strange-looking meat swimming in it.

"I don't know what it was, but

I'm sure it was a snake. It gave me the chills," she said.

Silliman says of both the mission and trying out for Cal Poly's volleyball team that she didn't know what to expect or what she was getting into.

Silliman made the team as a freshman walk-on. Now, as a senior, she's playing on a full scholarship.

Head Coach Craig Cummings remembered the day Silliman came in to try out for the team.

"She was pretty raw from a volleyball standpoint, but she worked hard," Cummings said.

"I could see the amount of effort she was putting in, and I knew something good would come of it — and it did," Cum-

mings said.

Cummings said he sees her as a great example for the other team members because she works hard every day.

Cummings said that on the court, she's very good at certain tactics, and difficult to stop, but off the court, she's all humor and personality.

"She has a way of drawing enthusiasm out of others," Cummings said. "She's gregarious, and she has an active imagination."

Silliman said that she and her sister didn't have a television when they were growing up, and so they were encouraged to be creative.

"I always wanted to be

Wonder Woman," Silliman said. "We made Wonder Woman costumes when we were younger. We put tinfoil on our boots and made crowns. Then we'd spin around in circles, like Wonder Woman, throw off our coats, and run around the park. We had some good times."

At the clinic, Silliman was given the responsibility of coaching a group of military leaders.

She was surprised by the athletic ability of the group. "They are stud boys," she said. "They play a lot, they just don't know rules, technique and statistics — and they don't have a set offense and defense."

"We taught the technical aspects of volleyball, but also how to be a coach," she said.

"It was like, 'Hello Mr. Military Leader, today I'm going to teach you about discipline,'" she joked.

Silliman explained that Cambodia was hoping to start a national team.

"Eighty percent of the population is under 18. They have no direction, and so they are hoping that sports might help," she said.

Volleyball requires a great deal of aggressiveness, yet, off the court, Silliman is anything but aggressive. She likes to paint and play the piano and guitar.

Her paintings decorate her room, along with volleyball posters. Her father gave her the guitar she plays, which is older than she is. Silliman, 21, calls the guitar "her fossil."

"Whenever I meet someone who plays, I make them teach me a few chords," she said. "I like picking."

Silliman graduated from San Ramon Valley High School in 1990. She also lettered in tennis, swimming, track and field, and softball.

Silliman came to Cal Poly in 1990 and said she loves it. Her parents attended Cal Poly as does her sister now.

Silliman says the toughest part is juggling her class load and her volleyball schedule.

"You have to be pretty prioritized and strong-willed," Silliman said. She is in the process of changing her major from physical education to recreational administration.

"I like a little bit of everything," Silliman said.

"My dream would be to lead a high school camp or family camp up in the mountains and go on hikes and sing and play," Silliman said.

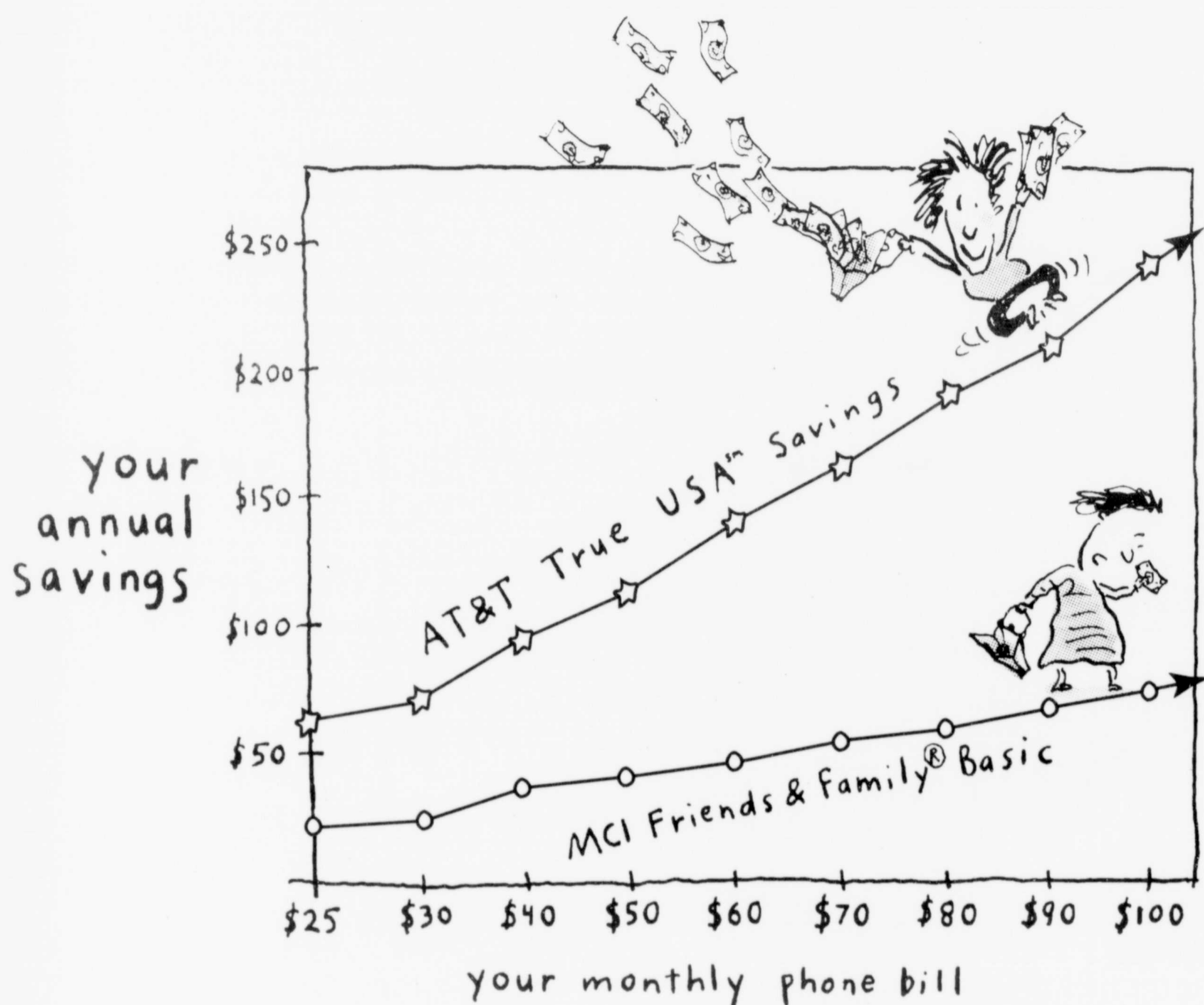
She says that when she looks back on the mission, she is grateful to have had the experience and to have it go so well.

"The day after we left, there was an announcement in the paper from the King of Cambodia, warning people not to come to Cambodia because of the civil war," Silliman said. "It was like we did something totally illegal, and we left totally untouched."

"It was awesome," she said. "This was the first attempt to do anything sports wise (with Cambodia)."

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# Baseball owners ask for 45-day freeze on free-agent signings

By Ronald Blum  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball owners have asked players to delay the start of free-agent filing until Nov. 30 and for a 45-day freeze on signings, lawyers on both sides said Tuesday.

The proposal was made Monday to union head Donald Fehr. Under the collective bargaining agreement that expired Dec. 31, which still remains in effect, free-agent filing is scheduled to

start Oct. 15.

"The idea is to stop the train before it leaves the station," management lawyer Chuck O'Connor said Tuesday, the day the new expanded playoffs were to begin. "We don't want to create two different classes of players who signed under two different economic systems. I think it's a constructive step because it allows people to concentrate on the principal issue — resolving the dispute."

Under the current system, free-agent filing begins either the day after the World Series or Oct. 15, whichever is later. About 170 players are eligible for free agency but the total may decrease as clubs exercise 1995 options.

The Major League Baseball Players Association has said it believes owners will attempt to impose their salary-cap proposal sometime between now and Dec. 20, the last date to offer initial

contracts for 1995. If the owners put a salary cap in place without an agreement, players predict the strike will continue next spring.

Fehr was traveling to California for a speech to the Los Angeles Bar Association on Wednesday and couldn't be contacted. Management negotiator Richard Ravitch was in London on vacation.

"The staffs will meet tomorrow to discuss it further, but it is

obvious there are a lot of aspects to this proposal that they have not explored," said Eugene Orza, the union's No. 2 official.

Owners also proposed putting a freeze on contract negotiations and lawsuits. Only two contracts have been agreed to since the strike began, both with the Cincinnati Reds: outfielder Thomas Howard for \$1.35 million over two years and infielder Lenny Harris for \$1 million over two years.

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WED. 10/5 Smoker at House 8p.m.  
THURS. 10/6 BBQ in UU 11-2p.m.  
Pool, Pizza, and Pins  
At McPhees in UU 4-6p.m.  
FRI. 10/7 TBA  
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@ THE HOUSE  
SATURDAY (OCT 8)  
BBQ W/ΦΒ  
SORORITY  
@ THE HOUSE  
SUNDAY (OCT 9)  
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RUSH  
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FRI TRAP SHOOTING, 4:30 @ HOUSE  
SUN SMOKER- UU204 INVITE ONLY

#### ΑΧΑ

FALL RUSH '94  
WED 10/5 6PM - TRI-TIP BBQ DINNER  
@ 1617 SANTA ROSA (AXA HOUSE)  
THURS 10/6 7PM - SMOKER/SLIDESHOW  
@ SANDWICH PLANT (ON CAMPUS)  
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### Greek News

#### ΔΣΦ

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Oct6 Bachelor Party 7pm  
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Oct9 40th Annual ΔΤ SMOKER 7pm  
Oct10 Interviews, Invite Only 6pm

#### KX

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#### SIGMA CHI

#### ΣΧ

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THURS:FIGHT NIGHT, TRI-TIP STEAK  
AT ΣΧ HOUSE  
SAT:ALL SPORTS BBQ  
SANTA ROSA PARK 1:00PM  
MON:OCT10-THE SMOKER-  
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#### ΣΠ

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#### ΣΦΕ

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#### ΣΦΕ

### Greek News

#### RUSH ΔΧ

MONDAY CASINO NIGHT W/SORORITY  
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#### ΓΦΒ

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For Rides/info

#### ΣΑΕ RUSH

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Oct 4 BBQ Theater Lawn 4PM  
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## Blowouts will test patience

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You've heard it all before.

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The move to Division I is exciting, but it also means the Cal Poly juniors and seniors who were recruited for and adjusted to Division II level of play will often times not match up favorably to some of the big-time schools they'll be competing against.

The football team, in its first season in Division I-AA, faced No. 3-ranked Montana last weekend.

A 45-0 score sounds bad. No question about it, but it happens. It happens right now because Cal Poly is just a pebble of sand in the Yosemite of Division I collegiate competition.

I could imagine students reading Monday's Mustang Daily story baring the headline, "Football team mauled by Grizzlies, 45-0."

Most likely, many began instantly passing judgment on the team and the entire Athletics Department. Phrases such as these were certainly uttered on campus:

"They should never have moved to Division I."

"Man, they suck."

"Who cares."

"Athletics are a totally unnecessary part of higher education."

"That's why I never go out and watch them."

But please, let's hold off on knee-jerk judgments.

You don't take one architecture class and design a hundred-story skyscraper that can withstand an 8.0 earthquake.

You won't win a Pulitzer after your first English composition class.

And if you're an athlete, you don't step into a higher level of competition and win instantly because you're simply not prepared to face a groomed Division I athlete or team.

It would be oh-so-easy to dismiss the entire Division I move after a 61-7 football loss (that happened, too).

The men's basketball team will travel to Boston College in the third game of its season. The score, most likely, will not be pretty.

The women's basketball team will face the likes of Oregon State.

The baseball team will host Division I powerhouses such as Fresno State, USC and Cal State Fullerton.

There will be losses and big, ugly scores. But athletes and teams will learn valuable lessons with each.

It's only a matter of time before the teams come up to speed. Literally.

With time and good coaching, the program will build.

I had a memorable five-minute conversation with football Head Coach Andre Patterson after one of his spring practices.

It wasn't remarkable because of the words he said. His demeanor and persona spoke more than his words.

The sound of crunching pads and bodies in the game of football has always scared me — tall but frail 6-foot-5, 180-pound me. I would break in half after one blow by junior linebacker Alex Garwood.

But after my little chat with Andre, I was ready to throw on a helmet and pads and hit something, something hard.

The Athletics Department has brought in the coaching staff necessary to compete. Now, it's just a matter of time before the talent is groomed into competitive teams.

Meanwhile, there are teams such as women's soccer (6-3-1) that will show flashes of success right away.

There will be other instances when a Cal Poly team succeeds against big-time programs. But most of the time, the Mustangs will step onto the field or court as the underdog.

So don't go to games with the frame of mind that your entertainment hinges on a Cal Poly victory.

Go see the bigger, stronger football teams that come here. Go watch the higher-flying, faster-paced basketball teams. Observe the faster swimming and track times. Try to see that 92-mile per hour fastball turn into a 420-foot home run.

Head out to the courts and fields to see some of the highest caliber collegiate athletes in the nation. And in a few years, if the Athletics Department continues to strive for excellence, Cal Poly will be neck-and-neck with some of the teams who may steamroll them this year.

I can hear Axl Rose whistling.

Patience.

Troy Petersen is the Daily's sports editor and he whistles better than he sings, which doesn't say a whole lot.

# Stepping onto a foreign court

## Poly player coaches clinic in Cambodia

By Jennifer Oltmann  
Daily Staff Writer

When you follow your beliefs, it's called faith. When you pursue your goals, it's called ambition. When you chase your dreams, it's called being true to yourself. Natalie Silliman does all three.

Silliman spent two weeks this past summer in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where she taught Cambodian military leaders, police and the Cambodian Olympic Committee how to play volleyball.

Silliman knows a thing or two about volleyball. She captained her high school volleyball team in San Ramon, Calif. and is currently a senior middle blocker for Cal Poly's women's volleyball team.

Head Coach Craig Cummings describes her as "undoubtedly the strongest member of the team."

She went to Cambodia as a member of a Christian mission. It was a trip she describes as being unlike anything she's ever experienced or could have expected.

She went with Sports Ambassadors — an outreach of an organization called Overseas Crusade, which is based in Colorado Springs.

Silliman first heard about the mission at Urbana — a Christian conference she attended during Christmas break last year in Chicago.

"They promote cross-cultural missions. I didn't want to go at first, because I thought all they do overseas is live in Timbuktu and eat mosquitoes," Silliman said. "I chose to go on the mission because it had volleyball as an outreach."

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### The Silliman File

Tidbits about volleyball blocker Natalie Silliman  
Age: 21  
Position: Middle blocker  
Major: Physical education  
Year: Senior  
Hobbies: Sports, guitar, piano, painting  
Favorite food: Pizza  
Favorite movie: Parent Trap  
Favorite authors: Dean Koontz, John Grisham  
Favorite personal sports moment: Winning the high school championship in basketball  
Career goal: To be a camp leader  
Nicknames: Nat and Silly



Senior outside hitter Natalie Silliman spent two weeks this summer in Phnom Penh, Cambodia coaching a group of military leaders, police and the Cambodian Olympic Committee on volleyball. Meanwhile, the nation was in the midst of a civil war. ABOVE: Silliman holds a basket given to her by the Olympic Committee. LEFT: Silliman practices while a teammate looks on / Daily photos by L. Scott Robinson

# Smith wins mountain biking championship

## Team places second in national contest

By Ajay Bhambani  
Daily Staff Writer

Sophomore Alex Smith was crowned top collegiate mountain biker as he led the Cal Poly Wheelmen to a second place finish Saturday in the National Collegiate Mountain Biking Championships at Lake Castaic, Calif.

Smith's first-place finish was worth 100 points for the Wheelmen, who finished with a total of 238 points, good enough for a second-place finish behind Fort Collins College of Durango, Colo.

Of the 23 Cal Poly mountain bikers who competed in the race, 16 of them finished and placed among the four divisions (Men's A, Men's B, Men's C and Women's).

The top five finishes counted towards the overall point total for

the team.

Wheelmen Advisor Randy Warren was impressed with the team's performance but said the team was surprised by the strong performance of Fort Collins College.

"They came out of nowhere, we've never seen them before," Warren said.

Smith finished 1-minute, 21 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher, Fort Collins' Matt Smith. Both were in the Men's A division race. The two racers had been riding neck-and-neck for the first two laps before Alex Smith was able to pull away on the third lap. The pair had raced against each other, so it was a familiar battle for the two.

"We were wheel to wheel the first two laps and every lap I noticed I was getting a little bit of a gap on the downhill," Smith said.

"So on the third lap on the downhill, coming into it I accelerated and pushed it super hard."

In the Women's Division, senior

Julie Henderson — a 12th-place finisher in the road-race nationals — placed ninth.

Henderson said it was her first race on a mountain bike. She just started training on a mountain bike three weeks ago.

"Mountain biking is so much more intense (than road racing)," Henderson said. "It's (based) much more on individual strengths. I felt the technical aspect was the most difficult."

The other top three finishers for Cal Poly included senior Carl Heckert who placed 11th in Men's A, junior Daniel Murphy, a ninth-place finisher in Men's B and senior Steve Hollenbeak who finished 20 seconds behind Murphy for a 10th-place finish.

It's a position that few want to play. But someone has to. On Friday, meet the goalies of Cal Poly's soccer teams.

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